

Fight Against Cancer is a concerted effort to bring related diet and food preparation information to every American.

Employers and insurers can also contribute to cancer prevention efforts by offering incentives for smoking cessation, exercise, and weight loss and by providing health education and cancer screening programs in the workplace.

Two decades of intensified research have borne fruit in every aspect of our national effort to reduce the toll cancer takes on our society. This month, all Americans are urged to learn more about recent strides in the fight against cancer and to take advantage of them. At the same time, every American is encouraged to see a doctor and dentist regularly.

In 1938, the Congress passed a joint resolution (52 Stat. 148, 36 U.S.C. 150) requesting the President to issue an annual proclamation declaring April to be Cancer Control Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of April 1991 as Cancer Control Month. I invite the Governors of the fifty States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the American flag, to issue similar proclamations. I also ask health care professionals, insurance companies, the communications and food industries, community groups, and individual citizens to join in continuing the progress made in fighting cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6269 of April 12, 1991

Points of Light National Celebration of Community Service

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

Marked by a sense of hope and renewal, Spring is a fitting time to honor the millions of Americans who engage in voluntary service to others. Across the United States, people of every age, race, and walk of life are taking direct and consequential action to help solve serious social problems such as drug abuse, illiteracy, and homelessness. These Americans are planting the seeds of positive change in their communities and sowing a rich crop for the future.

Voluntary service in America takes a variety of forms. Countless Americans give of their time individually. In addition, millions of Americans now volunteer through innovative corporate programs and special school-based projects. And there are those generous individuals who work on behalf of major nonprofit organizations and local charities. During this National Celebration of Community Service, we salute all of these caring citizens.

This nationwide observance underscores the fact that everyone has a gift to give—that every act of kindness counts. For example, in Polk, Nebraska, a group of third grade students telephones homebound senior citizens each day, offering a bright source of companionship and cheer. The founders of the "Midnight Basketball" program in Hyattsville, Maryland, contribute to the struggle against crime and delinquency by offering late-night sports activities and tutorial sessions for disadvantaged youngsters. Through the "Let's Help" program in Topeka, Kansas, volunteers provide needy families with literacy training, job counseling, and advice on parenting, as well as food and financial support. All of these volunteers and others, the brilliant "Points of Light" that reflect our national conscience and illuminate our country's social landscape, are making a profound difference.

Every American has something to contribute, and none should be content until we have found a way to serve. To be of service is not only to meet someone else's needs, it is not only to fulfill one of our primary responsibilities as citizens and neighbors—it is to find the joy and meaning in life that come only from selflessness and giving.

Today more and more Americans have come to see that any definition of a successful life must include serving others. So many of our citizens are beginning to recognize the talents, resources, and interests they have to share. Let us salute all those Americans who carry on the time-honored tradition of voluntary service, and let us strengthen our own commitment to enriching the lives of others—and our own—through service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the period of April 15 through April 26, 1991, as Points of Light National Celebration of Community Service. This special tribute to the spirit of service in America and to the millions of Americans who embody that spirit encompasses traditional National Volunteer Week events and numerous other activities in which all Americans—young and old alike—are encouraged to engage. I ask all Americans to join in saluting and thanking our Nation's volunteers, as well as the organizations—religious, governmental, business, and private nonprofit—that support and participate in community service. I also encourage every American to observe this week with appropriate events and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH